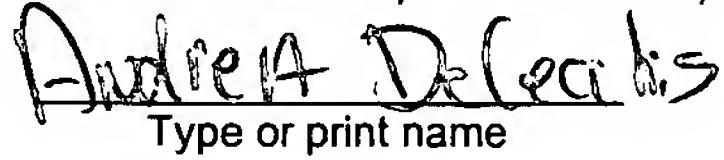


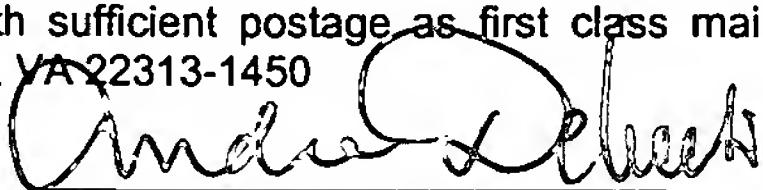
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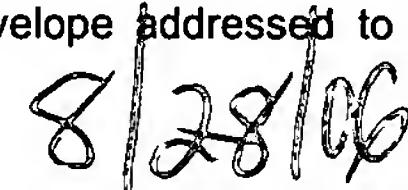
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the International Search Report was supplied, when this application entered the U.S. national phase.

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As we were unable to obtain an English language abstract/equivalent for SU 1731814 applicant would like to bring to the examiners attention that said Russian reference is discussed in the instant application on page 3.

Copies of the non-U.S. references (that do not have U.S. equivalents) and/or English language abstracts thereof and all articles/journals are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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